

West Penn Burn Center

Campus Fire Safety

Cooking is the main cause of university housing fires (83% of housing fires).

- Never leave food cooking unattended.
- Cook only where it is permitted.
- If a fire starts in a microwave, keep the door closed and unplug the unit.

Smoking

- If you smoke, do so responsibly; do not smoke in bed or in any residential building.
- Never smoke around flammable liquids or aerosol cans.
- Avoid smoking when drinking or drowsy.

Candles are one of the leading causes of both on and off-campus housing fires.

- Keep candles in sturdy holders and extinguish after each use.
- Never leave a burning candle unattended.
- Keep candles away from draperies and bed linens.

Fire Sprinklers and Smoke Alarms

- Never disable or remove batteries from smoke alarms.
- Do not hang things on or cover fire sprinklers.
- When the smoke alarm sounds, immediately evacuate the building; do not assume it is a false alarm.

Escape Plans should be known and practiced. Always be aware of two ways out, no matter where you are.

- Get low and go under the smoke to the nearest safe exit.
- Carefully feel the door before opening it. If it is hot, use your second way out.
- Use the stairs; never use an elevator during a fire.

Resources:

- Contact the West Penn Burn Center at 412.578.5273 for urgent burn care information
- For an emergency, contact 911
- To schedule an outpatient burn care appointment, please call 412.578.5120
- Additional information can be found at www.westpennburncenter.com

